

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: wFRnJ6u93gzTFzwhuvs1cg--_m.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1300724.010

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: The District Court at Dunedin

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 17 September 2013

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image shows a semi-naked young teenage girl posing in a sexually provocative manner. The girl displays her naked young body and sexual characteristics in a way that mimics older models. The source of the image is the internet, where it is likely to attract the attention of those with a sexual interest in young people. The availability of such images encourages this sexual interest and perpetuates the belief that young girls may be used for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.